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INDIA VOTES FOR CEASEFIRE AT GAZA AT U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

India voted in favour of a draft resolution in the UN General Assembly that sought truce in the Israel-Hamas conflict and release of all hostages

STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE, SAYS KAMBOJ

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution at an emergency special session on Tuesday, with 153 nations voting in its favour, 10 against and 23 abstentions. "Our challenge in this extraordinarily difficult time is to strike the right balance," said Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj, India's Permanent Representative at the UN, in the Explanation of Vote

ISRAEL SAYS PAUSE WILL ONLY HELP HAMAS

In October, India abstained in the General Assembly on a resolution that had called for a truce in the conflict leading to a cessation of hostilities and unhindered humanitarian access in the Gaza Strip
■ Israel's Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan said the ceasefire will only "benefit the terrorists" who will steal the humanitarian aid of people

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AIRSTRIKES CARRIED OUT BY ISRAEL IN GAZA IN THE PAST 24 HOURS

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VAYANAD • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOTTHAIKOTTA • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESHWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TRIVENDR • SANGLI • HUBLI • DHARMAPUR • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • TADIPALLI • NAGAPATTINAM • THIRUVRUTHI • KALABURGI



● Intruders jump off visitors' gallery into LS chamber ● One of them tries to rush towards the Speaker's chair. Both release yellow gas. Lok Sabha members overpower the intruders and trash them ● Drama over, intruders handed over to securitymen

INTRUSION DRAMA EXPOSES LS SECURITY HOLE

Home ministry sets up panel headed by Central Reserve Police Force Director General to probe lapse; Oppn-BJP sparring match in House

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

REVIVING memories of the horrific 2001 Parliament attack, the Lok Sabha on Wednesday witnessed a major security breach when two persons jumped from the visitors' gallery to the chamber around 1 pm during Zero Hour, released yellow gas from the smoke canisters they had slipped in, and shouted slogans.

The two men — D Manoranjan from Mysuru, Karnataka and Sagar Sharma from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh — were overpowered by the MPs present in the House and handed over to security officials. Around the same time, outside Parliament, two others — a man and a woman — were protesting with similar cans that emitted colour smoke. Police said the woman was identified as Neelam (42) of Haryana's Hisar and the man as Amol Shinde (25) of Maharashtra's Latur. The duo also raised some

slogans — *tanashahi nahi chalegi* (won't allow dictatorship), *Bharat Mata Ki Jai* and *Jai Bheem*.

The accused reportedly claimed they didn't know each other and that they were not affiliated to any organisation. However, sources said they were connected through social media. "All of them were connected through 'Bhagat Singh Fan Club' page on Facebook," top sources privy to the probe told this newspaper.

Police conducted searches at the houses of the accused in Mysuru, Lucknow and Hisar. Sources said that as many as six people were involved in the conspiracy and five of them have been detained. The fifth accused, Vikram, was nabbed from his Gurugram flat while the sixth person, Lalit Jha from Bihar, is on the run.

None of the accused persons had mobile phones with them when they were detained. Sources said the absconding

man, Lalit, is keeping their mobiles. Police said all of them met at Vikram's residence in Gurugram before coming to Parliament. They all wanted to enter Parliament but only two got passes. Both passes were issued by BJP MP Pratap Simha from Mysuru.

Meanwhile, Opposition MPs targeted the government over the issue, seeking suspension of the BJP MP who issued passes to the intruders.

In the Rajya Sabha, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge sought adjournment of the House and Home Minister Amit Shah's statement on the breach. This prompted Union minister Piyush Goyal to accuse the Congress of politicising the issue.

The Union home ministry has ordered a probe into the incident, a panel headed by CRPF DG Anish Dayal Singh, with members from other security agencies, has been set up.

MORE REPORTS: P9

My son is innocent: Manoranjan's dad

Reacting to the episode in Parliament, Devarajgowda alias Devala, the father of Manoranjan, said, "This incident has shocked me. My son told me that he is going to Bengaluru. I was not aware of his visit to New Delhi."

Condemning Manoranjan's action, Devarajgowda said, "My son is innocent and is not associated with any organisation or anti-social elements. He is a bookworm and I see him always reading books, especially by Indian spiritual leaders. He refused to work and wanted to do something on his own." Manoranjan always volunteered to help the needy, his father mentioned. P9

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WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THEM

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SAGAR SHARMA (27) E-rickshaw driver. Had jumped into LS hall. Resident of Lucknow. Had returned to Lucknow in August after two years in Bengaluru	MANORANJAN D (35) Hails from Mysuru. Completed BE in 2016. Got authorisation pass to enter LS from the office of BJP MP Pratap Simha. Got pass for Sagar too	NEELAM (42) Jobless PG who just cleared NET. Family claims she is an MEd, MPhil. Hails from Haryana. Had participated in the farmers' agitation against the three bills	AMOL SHINDE (25) Had left Latur village saying he was going to Delhi to take part in an army job drive. A daily wage. Opened smoke canister outside Parliament
5 VIKRAM A.K.A. VICKY SHARMA Neighbours in Gurugram claim he is an alcoholic. Did odd jobs. Detained by Delhi Police along with his wife Rakhi. Sharma hails from Hisar. The couple had left their house around 8 a.m. on Wednesday for the national capital. All other conspirators stayed at his house			

Attack on the Parliament building is shocking and disturbing and I condemn this act of violence. It is a relief that all the members of the Parliament are safe
- Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

FOREST FIX

Tech with camera traps to alert villagers of roaming tigers

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AFTER finding a dead 54-year-old shepherd, partially devoured by a tiger in Kundhake range under Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR) on Tuesday morning — which recorded the third death in this reserve in a month — the forest department is turning to technology to keep people living with-in or around the reserves alerted about tiger movements in their areas.

The forest department is putting up a series of camera traps and setting up an alert system to inform villagers of the movements of tigers to build up confidence among them and ensure there are no conflicts.

BTR Director, Ramesh Kumar, said cameras are being installed and cages will also be put up. In case a tiger is found wandering it will be captured and released inside the forest area to ensure there is minimal conflict. "We are working on putting in an alert system and informing the locals and panchayats of the tigers. The panchayat members are being involved in the exercise of creating awareness," he said, adding that there is a need to build confidence among the people.

There are also plans of



radio-collaring the captured tigers before releasing them deep inside the forest reserves, so it would be easier to track them, and the data about their movements could then be relayed to the locals and panchayats in almost real time.

Nagarhole Tiger Reserve (NTR) Director, Harshakumar Chikkannarayana, said an alert system has already been put in place to track movements of tigers to raise awareness. Day and night operations are being carried out to keep vigil and conduct patrolling. The trial was found to be successful, and a similar model is being implemented in Kodagu to reduce man-elephant conflicts.

The forest department has also taken up an exercise of conducting a census of tigers residing in the border areas, apart from the ones that roam around.

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Radicalisation case: NIA raids houses of 4 accused

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday raided multiple locations across Bengaluru in a case relating to radicalisation of prisoners by a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist and life convict, T Nazeer, who was arrested for his involvement in the 2008 serial blasts in the city and is now in the Bengaluru central prison.

The NIA raided the houses of the four accused, including an absconder. The other locations raided were the premises related to two other suspects, who were arrested in the

same case. The NIA teams seized digital devices, some incriminating documents and cash amounting to Rs 7.3 lakh during the raids conducted on the premises of Mohammed Umar, Mohammed Faisal Rabbani, Tanveer Ahmed, Mohammed Farooq and absconder Junaid Ahmed. Three accused are absconding in the case registered under various Sections of the IPC, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967, and Explosive Substances Act, 1884.

In July, the city police arrested five alleged LeT suspects in RT Nagar and Hebbal police limits on charges of terrorism.

Their interrogation led to the arrest of the sixth suspect in RT Nagar police limits in August. The police had seized arms and ammunition, including seven pistols, four hand grenades, one magazine and 45 bullets, and four walkie-talkies.

The NIA had taken over the custody of the six arrested accused after taking over the case on October 25. The investigation revealed that Umar, Rabbani, Ahmed, Farooq and Junaid came in contact with Nazeer during their incarceration in the central prison. It was found that Nazeer had radicalised

and recruited these individuals for committing terror acts. After their release from the prison, the five accused, all of them habitual offenders, had conspired to commit terror acts under the leadership of Junaid and on directions from Nazeer, the NIA stated in a press release.

Junaid, who was absconding after being accused in a case related to smuggling of red sandalwood in 2021, was in touch with the other accused through encrypted communication platforms. He had also provided funds to others for procuring arms and ammunition and kept them in their safe custody, the release said.

After hoax bomb email, schools told not to host non-academic activities

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

AFTER 68 schools in Bengaluru received a hoax bomb email on December 1, the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) has issued an order directing all government, aided and unaided schools not to allow their premises for purposes other than academics and extracurricular activities by students.

For non-academic activities, the schools must take permission from the government. The principals must inform the po-

lice and DSEL officials if any one is found loitering on the premises of their schools or they get threatening emails, the order stated.

Meanwhile, educationists battling for a robust Child Protection Policy said, "Now is the right time for the policy."

BB Cauvery, Primary Education Commissioner, said, "We issued the order post the hoax bomb email threat, directing the schools that children should not be used for any other activity. It's easy to use students as fillers in private events, risking

their safety. Fortunately, it was a false alarm. But we wanted to take precautions. Private events on school premises should be avoided. But if they are held, they need permission from the department."

She said the government will deliberate and take into account the guidelines issued by the high court. "We do need better protection for school children," she added.

However, experts are not happy with the government just issuing an advisory and leaving it at that. P3

Shami nominated for Arjuna Award

New Delhi: Pacer Mohammed Shami, one of the architects of India's near successful World Cup campaign, has been nominated for Arjuna Award. P17

Couple held for kidnap of baby boy, his sister

Bengaluru: The Kodigehalli police arrested a couple who kidnapped an eight-month-old boy and his 6-year-old sister, as they had no children. They were boarding a train, when they were nabbed. P3

AI ALLIANCE

NEW DELHI DECLARATION ADOPTED
The Global Partnership on AI has adopted the New Delhi declaration, affirming commitment to a collaborative approach on applications that benefit people.



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE police have claimed to have solved the double-murder case at Sulibele in Hoskote taluk of Bengaluru Rural district with the arrest of four persons.

Ramakrishnappa, 70, and his wife Muniramakka, 65, were

murdered on Saturday at the residence in Valmiki Nagar by their son Narasimha, daughter-in-law Bhagya and two grandchildren. One of the grandchildren is a minor boy, according to the police.

Narasimha had incurred losses in business. His wife insisted that he take possession

of his parents' properties and sell them to clear his debts. But Ramakrishnappa and Muniramakka wanted their properties to be shared equally among their five children — the son and four daughters.

Frustrated by this, Bhagya and her children murdered the couple by hitting their heads

with iron rods. Narasimha hatched the murder plot.

Ramakrishnappa and Muniramakka were living separately after their son moved out of their house after his wedding.

After murdering the couple, the accused locked the house and fled. The double-murder

came to light on Sunday when the couple's daughter Shakunthala went to their house after her calls to them went unanswered. The police initially picked Narasimha and based on his confession, the other three were arrested. The couple had two acres of land and a few sites at Sulibele.